Remarks:

This application has been carefully considered in light of the Official Office Action and the Claims have been rewritten as new Claims 4-7, inclusive, in an effort to further define the invention and to distinguish over the prior art.

New Claims 4-7 are believed to patentably avoid the Erdman and Mayeda et al references cited in anticipation, and to be directed to novel subject matter.

The Mayeda reference is for cutting beans, which is an entirely different operation than beet digging, Further, neither the Mayeda or Erdman reference having any conveying means as recited in all the claims, nor do they show conveying means or more specifically lateral conveying means in the space between the front row of discs and the second row of discs to clear the beets after being dug from interfering with the beet digging of the second row of beets and to prevent damage to the beets. This conveying operation is essential to applicant's digging operation to prevent such damage and such structure is new to the art.

Accordingly, favorable consideration of the Claims and the application is courteously solicited.

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